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Re: U. S. National Phase Patent Application based on International Patent Application No. PCT/GB2004/003165 entitled "Nucleic Acid Isolation" by Anthony Stevenson, Andrea Potts, Declan Donovan, and Matthew Baker (Our Ref: INV850/4-032US/58012)

Dear Sirs:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following documents:

1. Copy of the above-referenced international patent application and drawings as filed (PCT/GB2004/003165);
2. Application Data Sheet;
3. Preliminary Amendment;
4. Copy of International Search Report;
5. Copy of Written Opinion;
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